

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Marc WALLOIS, et al.

Attorney Docket No. Q67908

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For: A METHOD OF SYNCHRONIZING DATA ON A SERIAL LINK

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

9. (Amended)The synchronization method according to claim 1, wherein, prior to the step of the computer sending a change-of-protocol command, the method comprises the steps of:

- the computer sending an AT command interrogating the portable appliance about the proprietary protocols accepted by the portable appliance; and
- the portable appliance sending a response to the computer specifying the accepted proprietary protocols.

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10. (Amended)A synchronization method according to claim 1, wherein the portable appliance is a mobile telephone terminal.

11. (Amended)A synchronization method according to claim 1, wherein the portable appliance is an organizer.

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**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

9.     ~~(Amended)~~The synchronization method according to ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein, prior to the step of the computer sending a change-of-protocol command, the method comprises the steps of:

- the computer sending an AT command interrogating the portable appliance about the proprietary protocols accepted by the portable appliance; and
- the portable appliance sending a response to the computer specifying the accepted proprietary protocols.

10.    ~~(Amended)~~A synchronization method according to ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the portable appliance is a mobile telephone terminal.

11.    ~~(Amended)~~A synchronization method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~claim 1, wherein the portable appliance is an organizer.